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nore. Her brothers were Bernard; Nathaniel; and William. Her sister was Mary, CHILDREN, SONS: James; Solomon (?-by 1696), who married in 1685/86 Rebecca Winn. DAUGHTER: Elizabeth (1655-1704), who married first, in 1673, William Sharpe (ca. 1655-1699), and second, in 1701, Thomas Taylor of Talbot County, a merchant. PRIVATE CAREER. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant, possibly a Quaker. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: transported three servants upon arrival in addition to his family; no title upon arrival; Mr., by 1656. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Parliamentary Commission, 1656/57-1657/58. OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICE: justice, Provincial Court, 1656/57-1657/58. WEALTH DURING LIFE-TIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: surveyed 600 acres in Calvert and St. Mary's counties and acquired one-half interest in 1,100 acres on the Patapsco River in Baltimore County, 1652. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: patented these tracts in 1658. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between August 7 and December 5, 1658, in Calvert County. Size of estate unknown. LAND: 1,150 acres in Calvert, St. Mary's, and Baltimore counties. IDENTIFICATION PROB-LEMS. There were two men named Thomas Thomas in southern Maryland during the period of legislative service. The other Thomas Thomas (?ca. 1670/71) probably was the man who was transported as a servant to Joseph Passmore in 1635. He probably married the daughter of a William Barton, who was possibly the legislator William Barton (ca. 1605-early 1680s). His children William, Grace, Mary, and Elizabeth were the heirs to his real estate in Newtowne Hundred, St. Mary's County, where he established a residence in 1650. His will was probated February 2, 1670/71.

THOMAS, WILLIAM (1705–1767). BORN: on May 15, 1705, in St. Peter's Parish, Talbot County; third son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Talbot County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: William Thomas (1669–1740) of Talbot County, a cordwainer, the son of Tristam Thomas (ca. 1633–1686) and wife Anne Coursey. MOTHER: Jean Riddell (1671–?), sister of Walter Riddell, a planter. AUNT: Martha Thomas (ca. 1680–1739), who married Thomas Smith (1656–1719). BROTHERS: Tristam (ca. 1709–1769), who married Elizabeth Martin; Nicholas (ca. 1695–1716); and Edward (ca. 1697–1716). SISTERS: Juliana (ca. 1691–1702); Katherine (1693–?); Sarah (ca. 1703–1708); Anne (ca. 1698/99–?), who married first, in 1716,

Loftus Bowdle, and second, in 1737, William Martin, Jr.; Jane (1700-by 1740), who married in 1717 Thomas Martin; Elizabeth (ca. 1701-1755). who married in 1723 Edward Needles (1695/96-1751/52); and Juliana (ca. 1707-?), who married first, in 1724, William Stevens (?-ca. 1733), and second, in 1734, Thomas Stevens (1710-ca. 1782). FIRST COUSINS: Thomas Smith (ca. 1710-ca. 1741/ 42); Martha Smith, who married Richard Gresham (?-ca. 1773). NEPHEW: John Stevens (ca. 1735-1794). MARRIED first, on May 11, 1731, Elizabeth (by 1705-by 1757), daughter of John Allen (?-1708) and wife Mary Lowe (1691-by 1735/36). Elizabeth was the granddaughter of Nicholas Lowe (ca. 1662-1714); stepdaughter of Rev. William Glen (?-1713) and Thomas Bozman (ca. 1693-1752). Her half brothers were Nicholas Glen (1710-?); John Glen (1712-?); John Bozman (?-1767); and Thomas Bozman (ca. 1717-?). Her half sisters were Mary Ann (1715/16-?); Prudence (1720-?); Sarah (1721-?); Elizabeth (1728-1729); Mary Memorial; and Elizabeth. MARRIED second, by 1757, Margaret (?-ca. 1766), widow of John Edmondson (1692-1743), daughter of Capt. William Finney (?-ca. 1723) and wife Rachel Clayton (?-1749). Margaret was the granddaughter of William Finney (ca. 1637-1696). She was the niece of William Clayton (ca. 1682-1728/29); Solomon Clayton (1685-1739); and Alice Clayton, who married Edward Wright (?-1740/41). Her brothers were William; Vincent. Her sister was Katherine, who married Dr. John Jackson. CHIL-DREN. SONS: John Allen Thomas (1734-ca. 1797); William (?-1789), who married in 1765 Rachel Leeds (?-1806); Nicholas Thomas (?-ca. 1784); and James (?-1810), of Talbot County, a planter who moved to Annapolis in 1791, was a member of the Governor's Council, 1796-1800, and who married ca. 1777 Hannah Coward, STEPSON: Samuel Edmondson (?-1751). DAUGHTER: Mary (ca. 1741-by 1767), who married in 1759 Nicholas Goldsborough (1726-1777), son of Nicholas Goldsborough (ca. 1689-1766). STEPDAUGHTER: Rachel Edmondson, who married William Hanson. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RE-LIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican; held pew in St. Peter's Parish, Talbot County, at least 1751. so-CIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1731. OC-CUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Talbot County, 1738, 1739-1741, 1742-1744 (Arms and Ammunition 1, 2), 1745 (Arms and Ammunition), 1745/46-1748 (Arms and Ammunition Cv 1, 1-3, 4), 1762-1763 (Arms and Ammunition